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42 Kentucky Counties Eligible for FSA Emergency Loans

(LEXINGTON, August 1, 2003) --- Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, today announced that Allen, Barren, Bath, Bell, Bourbon, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Clay, Cumberland, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Whitley and Wolfe Counties are eligible for Federal disaster assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loans (EM) for eligible farmers.

On July 2, 2003 President Bush declared 23 counties in Kentucky as disaster areas due to damages and losses caused by severe storms, flooding, mud and rock slides and tornadoes that occurred from June 14, 2003 and continuing. As a result, 23 Kentucky counties qualify as primary counties and 19 additional contiguous counties are eligible for EM loans through FSA.

FSA will make loans, up to \$500,000 per borrower, at a statutory 3.75 percent interest rate, subject to a test for credit. Applications must be filed with the local FSA County office not later than March 2, 2004.

For additional information on any FSA program, contact the local FSA County office or visit the Kentucky FSA web at:
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/ky/>.

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